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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YASUHIKO SHIOMI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/972,995

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: SIGNAL DIFFERENCE  
CORRECTION OF PICTURE  
SIGNALS READ FROM  
MULTIPLE READOUT TYPE  
IMAGE SENSING DEVICE

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Examiner: Unassigned

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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
7-33812	Japan	February 3, 1995
10-336529	Japan	December 18, 1998
7-75023	Japan	March 17, 1995
7-33814	Japan	February 3, 1995

### REMARKS

English translations of the Japanese references are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for each Japanese reference obtained from a commercial database also is provided as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

### FEE STATEMENT

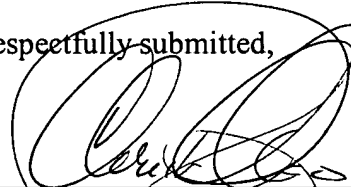
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

----- It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the -----  
Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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